



MARLBOROUGH

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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The City of Marlborough is rapidly becoming known as a small city with a competitive edge. Its central, easily accessible location make it one of New England's most convenient locations for businesses and visitors. Tourists and meeting planners favor Marlborough for its thousand-plus hotel rooms, range of function facilities and proximity to the entire region's largest cities. Major employers like Marlborough's progressive management, pro-business administration and well maintained infrastructure. For its residents, Marlborough offers a small town feel with the amenities of a city. Newcomers drawn by high tech employers enjoy a sense of community, first forged by the craftsmen who came to work in the city's shoe factories years ago and whose descendants remain as residents. Together they enjoy an impressive array of local recreational and cultural activities that include a semi-professional football team, a local symphony orchestra, downhill skiing and a renowned public library, all within an hour's drive of Boston, Worcester, Foxborough, Providence, Cape Cod, the historical attractions of Concord and Lexington, and New Hampshire.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Hudson on the north, Sudbury and Framingham on the east, Southborough on the south, and Berlin and Northborough on the west. Marlborough is 17 miles east of Worcester, 27 miles west of Boston, and 195 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 22.17 sq. miles

Land Area: 21.09 sq. miles

Population: 31,813

Density: 1,508 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Framingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Marlborough, Framingham, Maynard, Hudson

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 460-3700

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Mayor-Council

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1660

As a city: 1890

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	16,826		
Democrats	6,234	37.0	%
Republicans	2,239	13.3	%
Other parties	11	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	8,342	49.6	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Marlborough city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	36,255	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	36,255	100.0
Male.....	17,869	49.3	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	2,196	6.1
Female.....	18,386	50.7	Mexican.....	372	1.0
Under 5 years.....	2,554	7.0	Puerto Rican.....	567	1.6
5 to 9 years.....	2,471	6.8	Cuban.....	25	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	2,274	6.3	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	1,232	3.4
15 to 19 years.....	1,735	4.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	34,059	93.9
20 to 24 years.....	1,922	5.3	White alone.....	30,778	84.9
25 to 34 years.....	6,348	17.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	6,953	19.2	Total population.....	36,255	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	4,778	13.2	In households.....	35,766	98.7
55 to 59 years.....	1,755	4.8	Householder.....	14,501	40.0
60 to 64 years.....	1,275	3.5	Spouse.....	7,473	20.6
65 to 74 years.....	2,118	5.8	Child.....	10,192	28.1
75 to 84 years.....	1,443	4.0	Own child under 18 years.....	7,888	21.8
85 years and over.....	629	1.7	Other relatives.....	1,576	4.3
Median age (years).....	36.1	(X)	Under 18 years.....	430	1.2
18 years and over.....	27,824	76.7	Nonrelatives.....	2,024	5.6
Male.....	13,539	37.3	Unmarried partner.....	839	2.3
Female.....	14,285	39.4	In group quarters.....	489	1.3
21 years and over.....	26,893	74.2	Institutionalized population.....	346	1.0
62 years and over.....	4,932	13.6	Noninstitutionalized population.....	143	0.4
65 years and over.....	4,190	11.6	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,641	4.5	Total households.....	14,501	100.0
Female.....	2,549	7.0	Family households (families).....	9,285	64.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	4,402	30.4
One race.....	35,218	97.1	Married-couple family.....	7,473	51.5
White.....	31,796	87.7	With own children under 18 years.....	3,477	24.0
Black or African American.....	787	2.2	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,311	9.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	72	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	711	4.9
Asian.....	1,364	3.8	Nonfamily households.....	5,216	36.0
Asian Indian.....	638	1.8	Householder living alone.....	4,125	28.4
Chinese.....	345	1.0	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,197	8.3
Filipino.....	42	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	4,690	32.3
Japanese.....	58	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	2,887	19.9
Korean.....	65	0.2	Average household size.....	2.47	(X)
Vietnamese.....	125	0.3	Average family size.....	3.07	(X)
Other Asian ¹	91	0.3	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	13	-	Total housing units.....	14,903	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	3	-	Occupied housing units.....	14,501	97.3
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	4	-	Vacant housing units.....	402	2.7
Samoa.....	5	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	57	0.4
Some other race.....	1,186	3.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	1,037	2.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.4	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	14,501	100.0
White.....	32,750	90.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	8,842	61.0
Black or African American.....	952	2.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	5,659	39.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	231	0.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.68	(X)
Asian.....	1,524	4.2	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.13	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	42	0.1			
Some other race.....	1,821	5.0			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	239
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	26
Federal (Section 8):	112



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Marlborough is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S Route 20, which runs E-W across the state, and Interstate Route 495, the outer belt around Boston. Interstate Route 290 connects Interstate Route 495 in Marlborough to the city of Worcester. The Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate Route 90) is easily accessible to Interstate Route 495 on the border of Westborough and Hopkinton.

Rail

There is no passenger or freight rail service in Marlborough, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Marlborough is a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) but does not receive services. Gulbankian Bus Lines and Cavalier Coach Corporation provide commuter bus service to several downtown Boston locations. Peter Pan Bus Lines offers passenger service between Boston and Worcester.

Other

The Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,500' and 6,999' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Peter Pan Bus Lines offers service from Marlborough to Logan Airport 7 days a week.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Peter Rice Homestead, Home of Marlborough Historical Society
377 Elm Street
(508) 485-4763

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Marlborough Hospital

Long Term Care

Bolton Manor Nursing Home

Westridge Healthcare Ctr. N.H.

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Pine Grove Rest Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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